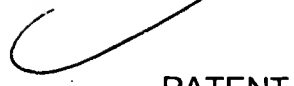


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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicant hereby petitions for a one (1) month extension of time to reply to the Office Action of October 7, 2003. A fee of \$110.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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